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UM TAKES PARKING PRECAUTIONS FOR FULL SLATE OF FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

MISSOULA --

A wealth of public events on the University of Montana campus Friday night, March 11, has prompted the University to take special precautions to prevent parking problems for those attending the events, which range from basketball to ballet.

Scheduled activities include the opening night of the Big Sky Conference women's basketball tournament, with games beginning at 7 p.m. in Dahlberg Arena, and varied cultural events, all scheduled for 8 p.m.: the 1994 Governor's Award for Distinguished Achievement in the Arts in the Montana Theatre; the Spring Dance Showcase in the Open Space studio of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center; the Garden City Ballet presentation "La Boutique Fantasque" in the University Theatre; and a student recital in the Music Recital Hall.

All of the events are centered in the northwest portion of campus, which will make competition for parking spaces stiff, UM Campus Security Director Ken Willett said.

Since the basketball tournament is the earliest event of the evening and will draw big crowds, Campus Security will restrict parking around the Clover Bowl to people attending the events that begin later in the evening. Two campus parking lots -- Lot N south of the law school and radio/TV center and Lot L west of the Student Health Service Building -- will be barricaded and reserved for people attending the award ceremony, music recital and dance performances. Both lots will have attendants on duty, and additional parking may be available in the Clover Bowl area.

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Basketball fans will be able to park in other lots near the arena, Willett said, noting that the parking crunch should be eased somewhat by the Friday onset of spring break, which will empty many spaces normally occupied by students' vehicles.

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